

The American Revolution ~ Essay Test Review Sheet (textbook pg.156-178)

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- The War Begins (pg. 156-163)
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- Ending The War (pg. 174-178)

Guiding questions to consider:

- ☐ What were the reasons for the American War for Independence?
- ☐ Why did the American colonies *declare* their independence?
- ☐ What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Continental Army and British army?
- ☐ How did leaders on both sides affect the outcome of the war?
- ☐ How did “normal” citizens on the homefront help contribute to the war effort?
- ☐ How did George Washington help the Patriots endure their many hardships?
- ☐ How did France help the Patriots win the War for Independence, and how did British strategy change after France entered the war?
- ☐ How did geography affect the important moments of the war?
- ☐ How did the Continental army beat the stronger and better-supplied British army?
- ☐ How did poetic and artistic representations in the years after the war attempt to interpret the time period?
- ☐ What key battles had an impact on the tide of war?
- ☐ Why have certain quotations by famous Patriots endured throughout history and become so well known?

❖ **Remember:** The thesis statement at the end of the introductory paragraph offers a nuanced, compound sentence to answer the overall question with specific references. Each paragraph in the body of the essay begins with a claim that offers a persuasive argument and connects to the thesis statement. Detailed and appropriate facts from the historical events will provide evidence to support the claims.

❖ **Practice** writing out thesis statements, claims, and outlines of possible responses to incorporate people, events, terms, and battles as examples for the paragraphs.